

COLLINS IS READY FOR A CONFERENCE WITH ULSTERITES

ADOPT A POLICY

It is the General Opinion that Ireland should be allowed to settle her boundary line disputes without any interference from English sources. Message to Craig.

London, Feb. 4.—Michael Collins' suggestion to Premier Craig of Ulster for a conference of the representatives of the whole of Ireland to adopt a policy and frame a constitution is the main outcome of the dead lock in the Irish situation.

The editorial writers insist that the boundary question is one for the two Irish governments to settle and the English government must keep out of the vortex of Irish politics.

Dublin, Feb. 4.—Southern Ireland stands for self determination of those sections involved in the dispute over Ulster's boundary. This was made clear by Arthur Griffith, president of the Dail Eireann in an interview in which he fully upheld the attitude of Michael Collins, head of the provisional government in his recent conference with Premier Craig of Ulster.

"Against that part of Ulster which votes itself out of the free state we shall not use force and against that part which votes itself there into we shall not permit unchallenged force to be used," Mr. Griffith declared.

BE CAREFUL OF OLD WELLS

Several years ago Mr. John Pearce who resides on Lee street filled an old well on his premises, and lost sight of it. Recently following the heavy snow a small hole was noticed in the ground where the old well was once located. Examining the place he found a very thin crust of earth on top and underneath a twelve foot hole with water to a depth of seven feet.

HAVING TROUBLE IN NAMING POPE

Another Ballot Taken This Morning Failed to Elect Pope and Crowds Were Again Disappointed.

Rome, Feb. 4.—Another ballot for the election of a successor to Pope Benedict was taken by the conclave of the sacred college this morning but without result, no candidate receiving a sufficient number of vote.

Smoke began to appear from the chimney of the Sistine Chapel where the conclave was in session shortly before 12 o'clock. The expectant crowds watched eagerly from the moment the first wisps showed themselves but the smoke cloud at once began to assume the tell-tale dark color which indicated there had been no choice.

Rome, Feb. 4.—A ballot taken this afternoon by the sacred college of cardinals, the second of today's ballots failed to elect a successor to Pope Benedict.

HARDING LISTS RULE

FOR MARION MAN.
Washington, Feb. 4.—President Harding according to an executive order made public today waived in the case of French Crow of Marion, O., the requirement that a candidate for postmastership shall take a civil service examination. Mr. Crow's nomination was recently sent to the senate for confirmation.

WEATHER.

For North Carolina fair tonight, warmer in extreme west portion, Sunday unsettled, probably rain in west and central portions, moderate variable winds becoming easterly.

MOVIE ACTRESS IS SUSPECTED IN THE TAYLOR MYSTERY

DIRECTOR IS SOUGHT

Police Believe Revenge and Jealousy Were the Causes of the Murder of the California Film Director Whose Real Name is Said to Have Been William Dean-Tanner.

Los Angeles, Feb. 4.—Mystery surrounding the shooting to death in his Hollywood home of Wm. Taylor whose true name it is alleged was William Dean-Tanner remained unsolved today. The police who have been working on the case ever since the body was found Thursday claimed they found possible clues and that suspicion was directed chiefly toward a young motion picture actress whose name they withheld and through her toward another film director likewise unnamed by them.

Revenge with jealousy as a probable direct cause was confirmed in the minds of some detectives they said as the motive for the killing. The closer the dead director's life was scrutinized the more they were led to hold to the original theory. The latest motion picture actress to be drawn into the investigation is said to have been at one time intimately associated with Taylor and was said to be out of the city but the police gave no intimation of the whereabouts of the director whose name was linked with hers in stories told by a number of persons at the inquiry.

While efforts were being made by the officers to locate the actress and director it was understood the latest angle to the investigation would not cause them to relax search for Edward Sands, Taylor's former butler.

ARBUCKLE IN THIRD TRIAL

San Francisco, Feb. 4.—The date of Roscoe C. Arbuckle's third trial on a manslaughter charge arising from the death of Miss Virginia Rappe will be set by Judge Harold Louderback here next Monday. The comedian's second trial ended yesterday like the first on a jury disagreement.

The jury in the first trial stood 10 to 2 for acquittal and the jury yesterday stood 10 to 2 for conviction.

FOUNDER OF TIFTON

DIED TODAY.

Tifton, Ga., Feb. 4.—H. F. Tift, 83 years old founder of Tifton and for whom the town was named died this morning. Mr. Tift was a multimillionaire.

In Tifton he was regarded as the father of the city. He is survived by three sons.

GENERAL NEWS

Governor McRae of Arkansas has issued a statement declaring his belief that the use of tobacco contributes to degeneracy. He has set March 22 as "No Tobacco Day" in Arkansas.

Newport News has taken steps to assure herself of a place in the Virginia baseball league for the coming year, having authorized the club president to post the club's 5,000 forfeit.

The New York State Association charges that there has been an increase of virtually 1,000 employees in the State service exclusive of laborers in 1921.

The senate has confirmed the nomination of Rippen W. Ward of Raleigh as United States Marshal of the Eastern District of North Carolina to succeed George H. Bellamy of Brunswick county.

DEPOSITORS WANT REPORT FROM THE DEFUNCT BANKERS

DEPARTMENT IS SILENT

Revenue Agents Are Getting Out on Their Jobs; January Prices of Farm Products Show Continued Decline, Decrease of 40 to 50 Per Cent on Live Stock in State.

(By Max Abernethy.)

Raleigh, Feb. 4.—Continued delay on the part of the State Banking Department in making known the condition of the Central Bank and Trust Company of Raleigh, closed some three weeks ago following its inability to make good on its outstanding paper, has aroused interested depositors who are wondering whether the better course for them would not have been through the courts.

The bank has been examined by Chief Bank Examiner Clarence Latham, of the State Banking Department, and a report of his findings has presumably been filed with (Continued on Page 3.)

ALASKA GOVERNMENT RAILROAD NEARS COMPLETION

Anchorage, Alaska, Feb. 3.—Although ends of steel on the Alaska government railways will be brought together by the completion of the Riley Creek bridge February 10, according to estimates of engineers today, the ceremony of driving the "golden spike" will be deferred until sometime during the proposed Alaska trip of President Harding next summer.

MARKETS

COTTON.

New York, Feb. 4.—Cotton futures opened steady, March 16.19, May 16.64, July 16.18, Oct. 15.75, Dec. 15.62.

New York, Feb. 4.—There were reactions in the cotton market during today's early trading. Something of a scattering long interest appeared to have accumulated on the advance of the past few days. Some selling for southwestern spot houses was also reported and after opening steady at a decline of 3 to an advance of 2 points active months sold about 3 to 8 points net lower with May easing off from 16.54 to 15.57.

N. Y. COTTON OPENED

Mar. 16.93, May 16.65, July 16.20, Oct. 15.75, Dec. 15.62.

CLOSE OF COTTON MARKET.

New York, Feb. 4.—Cotton closed barely steady, closing bid, March 16.71, May 11.41, July 16.02, Oct. 15.51, Dec. 15.45.

N. Y. COTTON CLOSED

Mar. 16.75, May 16.42, July 16.03, Oct. 15.52, Dec. 15.48.

SPOTS WILSON MARKET 15 1-4c.

CHICAGO GRAIN OPENED

Wheat, May 1.25, July 1.08 1-2. Corn, May 55 1-8, July 57 1-4. Oats, May 39 5-8, July 40 3-4.

CHICAGO GRAIN CLOSED

Wheat, May 1.23 5-8, July 1.07 3-8. Corn, May 55 1-8, July 56 7-8. Oats, May 39 3-8, July 40 3-8.

STOCKS.

New York, Feb. 4.—The short interests in the stock market suffered further reversals at the opening of today's session. Within the first half hour recent gains in equipments, oils and tobaccos were extended. Strongest features included Baldwin and American Locomotive, Mexican Petroleum and American tobacco. Bullish operations were stimulated by the further rise of British exchange to 4.32 for demand bills.

HARDING APPEARS RECONCILED TO A SOLDIERS BONUS

PREDICT EARLY PASSAGE

The Method of Raising the Money Seems Uncertain to Everybody, Probabilities Are That It Will Be By a Sale of Government Bonds or Treasury Certificates.

(By David Lawrence.)

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Washington, Feb. 3.—There will be a soldier bonus this year.

All doubt on the subject was removed when President Harding today agreed to meet the members of the Senate Finance Committee and the House Ways and Means Committee to determine the method of raising the money.

Chairman Fordney said after talking with the President that the soldier bonus bill would be passed by the House in two weeks, Senators at the White House said the Senate would follow suit in a fortnight.

How will the money be raised? The probabilities are by a sale of government bonds or treasury certificates.

Direct taxation has practically been abandoned though Mr. Fordney was careful to point out that there were many ways of raising money and that Congress had varying opinions. He would not favor a tax on gasoline. He showed plainly that he didn't think much of the suggestions made by Secretary Mellon that money might be raised by taxes on second class mail matter, tobacco and cigarettes. Mr. Mellon had not made any "recommendations" but had listed the ways by which money could be forced out of the people's pockets.

Entirely apart from the unfavorable economic effects which might result from more taxation, the politics of the situation is against this method. The very listing of possible sources of revenue by Secretary Mellon sent political shivers up and down the spine of Congress.

The pendulum is swinging again toward raising the money out of the proceeds of the allied debt. Chairman Fordney who came to the White House really to talk about the bill empowering a commission to negotiate with foreign governments concerning the payment of interest and principal on the war debt made it clear that the funding bill itself no longer contained any reference to the soldier bonus and would not carry any provision about it at all.

But the bonus bill will provide not only five ways of government aid to the war veterans but will specify the exact means by which the funds will be raised. Although the Treasury insists that the country cannot stand another bond issue without embarrassing the refunding operations where money is being constantly borrowed from the American people to pay the Victory Bonds which shortly come due, the legislators on Capitol Hill insist that the capacity of America to absorb new securities has been greatly underestimated and that bonds given by the government directly to the soldiers as a bonus could be sold by them or the government could itself sell the new bonds and give cash to the veterans without disturbing the fiscal operations already in process for the borrowing of sums to meet interest and principal of existing bond issues.

Another idea which seems firmly implanted in the congressional mind is that Great Britain is ready to pay interest on the war debt and that sometime this autumn the first payments can be confidently expected. These who feel that British money will be forthcoming insist that the American government can begin paying the soldiers out of treasury receipts and can apply the funds received from England toward the new indebtedness. The Treasury Department takes vigorous exception to this (Continued on page Three)

CONFERENCE TREATIES ARE APPROVED AND FINAL WORK OF MEETING IS COMPLETED

FORMAL CLOSE MONDAY

Balfour Calls Upon All Nations Involved to Respect the Treaties Agreed Upon; Final Approval is Given the Far Eastern Treaty and the Shantung Agreement; President Harding Will Close the Conference With an Address to be Delivered Monday.

Washington, Feb. 4.—The arms conference today wound up its work with a whirlwind of action.

It formally approved the various agreements to make for peace in the far east and in the closing moments Arthur J. Balfour, heading the British delegation, voicing the feelings of the statesmen that China is the keystone of that structure uttered a solemn warning that the world expected a respect for the settlements arrived at in strict good faith.

Any nation the British statesman said which in the future aimed to transgress the principles laid down in regard to China need not plead ignorance or seek to invoke any secret understanding with minor authorities.

Such action, Mr. Balfour said would be considered outside the committee of nations. In a brief hour's work which preceded a field day for oratory in which delegation leaders took opportunity to pay tribute to President Harding for the calling of the conference and its work, the conference put the final stamp of approval on three long months of patient and not untroubled negotiations which will take place in the niches of history. They were as follows:

Final approval of the far eastern treaty affirming anew the open door in China and providing for the integrity against foreign exploitation and encroachment.

Final approval of a treaty revising the system of Chinese custom charges a measure described as vital to the rehabilitation of China by herself.

Formal announcement of a declaration of the principles of the Siberian question insuring territorial integrity of the country.

Formal announcement of the agreement of Japan to hand back Shantung to China—a conclusion of a subject which almost wrecked the peace conference of Versailles.

Formal announcement of a declaration of Japan's famous twenty one demands on China and formal announcement of Japan's abandonment of the much attacked "group five".

A provision to the naval limitation treaty that none of the powers pledged they sell any of their warships between now and the time they are scrapped.

A resolution to insure protection of Chinese eastern railway.

While today's work virtually completed the work of the conference it will be formally closed by an address by President Harding. All delegates are arranging transportation to leave the capitol.

BANDITS ENTER JEWELRY STORE

Chicago, Feb. 4.—Two bandits today entered a jewelry store in the exclusive Sheridan Road residential section held up the proprietor and a customer and after gathering jewelry valued at \$10,000 fought a battle with policemen outside the store. One of the bandits was wounded and captured.

FORD AIDS IN

MOTOR PROPERTY
Detroit, Mich., Feb. 4.—Representatives of Henry Ford today made the only bid for the property of the Lincoln Motor Company held at the direction of the U. S. District Judge Tuttle. The bid was eight million dollars, the lowest figure that Judge Tuttle will consider.

TOBACCO SALES.

Sales on the Wilson tobacco market yesterday amounted to 211,482 pounds; receipts, \$53,133.77; average, 25.12 according to the report of Mr. H. B. Johnson, secretary of the local tobacco board of trade.

MANY KILLED IN WRECK

Tokio, Feb. 4.—One hundred and ten persons were killed and numbers of others injured when a railway train was buried by an avalanche at Itoigawa station according to a dispatch from Nagano today. The victims were for the most part farmers, workmen and railway employees who were engaged in clearing snow from the railway tracks. Medical relief has been dispatched to the scene from Nagano.

CENTRAL AMERICAN FEDERATION FAILS.

Washington, Feb. 3.—Plans to form a federation of Central American republics have collapsed, according to word received by the State Department today from American Minister Morales at Tegucigalpa, Honduras. The Minister advised the department that the provisional Federal Council, sitting at Tegucigalpa, and in whose hands was the work of Central America, had suspended its activities. The dispatch stated that under a decree issued by the council on Jan. 29, the decree by which it had assumed control of the Federal District at Tegucigalpa was declared void.

Minister Morales also reported that Honduras was taking steps to resume its sovereignty as an independent State.

The proposed republic was to have come into existence yesterday. Its supporters had obtained the assent of Honduras, Guatemala and San Salvador to join the federation, and it was hoped to have Nicaragua and Costa Rica join their sister republics in the federation. On the overthrow of the Herrera regime in Guatemala last December, the provisional Government, which then assumed control in Guatemala, repudiated the plan to become a member of the proposed federation. Various attempts had been made by the provisional Federal Council to have the de facto Government of Guatemala reconsider its decision, but those efforts failed of success.

The attitude of Salvador toward the proposed federation, in the light of recent developments, was not known by persons here in close touch with affairs in Central America today, but it was the belief that Salvador also soon would take steps to regain its independent sovereignty.

MRS. MAYO BETTER

The condition of Mrs. Jessie Mayo is improving her friends will be glad to learn.

ELECT DELEGATES FOR TOBACCO MEET

These Men Will Represent Wilson County at a Meeting to Elect Directors for This District.

Delegates have been elected to represent Wilson county farmers at a meeting of tobacco growers to be held in Rocky Mount, Tuesday, February 7, to elect directors for the Tobacco Growers Association in Wilson and Nash counties.

The following were elected from Wilson county, Dr. S. H. Crocker of Stantonsburg, Mr. A. A. Aycock of Black Creek, Mr. L. P. Woodard of Gardner, Mr. C. E. Brame of Spring Hill, and Mr. B. T. Ferguson of Wilson.

INDICT CHICAGO OFFICIALS

Chicago, Feb. 4.—Indictments against seven officials and former officials of Chicago charging violation of the civil service law through sales of subscriptions to a political newspaper backed by the city administration and tickets to a picnic arranged by the city.